

ABSTRACT

5           An electronic program schedule system which  
includes a receiver for receiving broadcast, satellite or  
cablecast television programs for a plurality of television  
channels and a tuner for tuning a television receiver to a  
selected one of the plurality of channels. A data processor  
receives and stores in a memory television program schedule  
information for a plurality of television programs to appear  
on the plurality of television channels. A user control  
10   apparatus, such as a remote controller, is utilized by a  
viewer to choose user control commands and transmit signals  
in response to the data processor which receives the signals  
in response to user control commands. A television receiver  
is used to display the television programs and television  
15   program schedule information. A video display generator  
receives video control commands from the data processor and  
program schedule information from the memory and displays a  
portion of the program schedule information in overlaying  
relationship with a television program appearing on a  
20   television channel in at least one mode of operation of the  
television programming guide. The data processor controls  
the video display generator with video control commands,  
issued in response to the user control commands, to display  
program schedule information for any chosen one of the  
25   plurality of television programs in overlaying relationship  
with at least one television program then appearing on any  
chosen one of the plurality of channels on the television  
receiver.